

This is not only ridiculous - it borders on insane! While I am first to protect freedom of speech - I have a problem with the use of cell phones in an airplane due to the noise factor alone!! People do not use normal speaking voices when using a cell phone - when they cannot hear-due to ambient noise - they increase THEIR voices instead of turning up the earpiece speaker on their phone!! It's distorted, convoluted and simply crazy - the general public simply don't exercise good common sense when it comes to using the phones. I appreciate the fact that many were able to call their loved ones on 9/11, however, that is the exception, not the rule. And in an emergency - believe me, everyone who can use their phone will! But to make a blanket generalization and change the rules hinders personal freedoms, it doesn't expand or enhance them. By the sheer fact of the close proximity in an airplane- it can't! Inasmuch as the FCC is sanctioned with the responsibility of creating, enacting and enforcing rules that protect the general public, including their privacy, to even consider such a broad sweeping violation of privacy would circumvent one of the basic premises of the FCC's existence. Simply put - this change to allow cell phone usage on a public aircraft is not necessary. Rules are made to fix problems or improve conditions - this does neither! In fact - it does the opposite. Thank you for your consideration!